

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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David SKUSE et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1793  
Application No.: 10/538,012 )  
 ) Examiner: Shuangyi Abu Ali  
Filed: September 7, 2006 )  
 ) Confirmation No.: 6868  
For: PROCESSING OF INORGANIC )  
PARTICULATE MATERIALS )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on May 23, 2008, in response to the final Office Action dated November 26, 2007, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 ("RCE"), an RCE fee payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), a Petition requesting a five-month extension of time, and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant hereby withdraws the pending appeal and reopens the prosecution of this application. Please amend the claims as indicated in the **Amendments to the Claims** section, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this Amendment.